

Appl. No.: 10/700,671

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

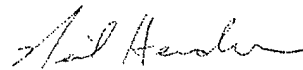
Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for his time in a telephone interview on April 21, 2006, in which the Advisory Action dated March 20, 2006, and claims 17, 21, and 22 were discussed. The Examiner indicated that the Advisory Action was issued in error because of confusion between claims 21 and 22, which had both been objected to. As such, the Examiner indicated that the amendment submitted on February 24, 2006 places the application in condition for allowance with regard to the Office Action mailed August 26, 2005 and that the application would move on to pre-allowance review. The pre-allowance review would then result in either a notice of allowance or a further office action.

if Examiner considers that it is necessary to amend claim 17 to include any element of cancelled claim 22 to ensure that the application is in condition for allowance, the Examiner is hereby authorized to do so by Examiner's amendment.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing comments, it is respectfully submitted that the application is now in condition for allowance. Favourable action on this application is respectfully requested. If the Examiner has any further concerns regarding the language of the claims or the applicability of the cited references, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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